latter case, each cart-load must be covered by a pass. These licenses and passes which will be in books shall be obtained from the Range Forest Officer and will have a seal of the District Forest Officer, impressed. The duplicate copies will be submitted to the Range Forest Officer on the day on which the license or pass is issued. When the books are completed, the counterfoils should be returned to the District Forest Officer through the Range Forest Officer and fresh supply obtained.

N.B.—Forest Forms 84 and 85 shall be used.

(*h*) The lessee or sub-lessee, his agents or maistries and servants shall be held responsible for any fires caused by negligence either by themselves or by their workmen and shall prevent the occurrence of fires in the forests in which they may be working and render prompt assistance in extinguishing such fires as may break out accidently. They will be liable also under the Forest Regulation, irrespective of any action that may be taken under the contract.

(*i*) The lessee or sub-lessee shall remove, out of the limits of the taluk before the 30th June 1926 all the produce collected and sorted under the terms of the lease.

(*j*) Neither the lessee nor sub-lessee nor his employees shall enter the State Forests either before sunrise or after sunset.

(*k*) No collection of the minor forest produce will be permitted in the State Forests during the fire season, *i.e.*, from the 15th February to end of April of each year.

(*l*) The lessee or sub-lessee shall not interfere with the recognised right of inamdars.

(*m*) The lessee or sub-lessee has no right to the produce or trees on occupied lands and the village amarai as detailed in para 1 above.

(*n*) No damage will be caused to the trees while collecting the minor forest produce; any such damage will be assessed by the Range Forest Officer, which will be approved by the District Forest Officer. The District Forest Officer's decision in the assessment of the damages will be final. The assessed damages will be recovered from the security deposit of the lessee.

(*o*) The lessee or sub-lessee shall hold responsible himself for the acts of his agents or servants in the business of collection and transport.

11. In the event of breach of any of these conditions, the lease will be cancelled or the security amount forfeited in whole or in part, or both these penalties will be enforced at the discretion of the District Forest Officer or the Conservator of Forests as the case may be. In the case of mere forfeiture of the deposit amount, in part, or in full, the difference will be made good immediately by the contractor, and if not, the lease will be cancelled and resold at the risk of the original purchaser, who will be liable for any loss which will become recoverable as an arrear of land revenue but not participate in any profits.

B. V. RAMA IYENGAR,
Conservator of Forests.

TUMKUR DISTRICT.

Notification dated 13th March 1925.

It is notified for general information that the right to billet and remove casuarina tope ends of the fellings made in the undermentioned plantations along with dead casuarina trees available in them, will be sold by public auction by the District Forest Officer, Tumkur, on the 30th current at his office.

The sale will commence at 2 P.M. precisely and be subject to confirmation by the Conservator of Forests or the District Forest Officer as the case may be :—

Names of plantations in which top ends and dead poles of casuarina are put up for sale	Approximate total quantity available	
1. Adagur	100 tons	More or less
2. Mallasandra	35 ,,	
3. Gollahalli	20 ,,	
4. Ballapura	50 ,,	
5. Honnavalli	50 ,,	
6. Ammanagatta	60 ,,	
7. Chennasettihalli	10 ,,	
8. Netgunte	10 ,,	
9. Dasarahalli	10 ,,	

2. The produce will be sold for each plantation or a group of plantations at the discretion of the District Forest Officer.

3. Each intending bidder shall deposit a sum of Rs. 20 as earnest money before he is permitted to bid which will be returned to him at the close of the sale, if his bid be not accepted. The successful bidder shall immediately on the close of the sale, pay one-fourth amount of the sale less the earnest money, failing which the right will at once be resold at the risk of the defaulting bidder who will be liable for any loss that may accrue but not be a participant in the gain, the loss itself being recoverable as an arrear of land revenue.

4. All timber that may be collected from the trees or branches sold to him will be sold at so much per c.ft. billet wood at so much per ton and faggot wood at so much per cart-load. Wood below 2" in diameter at the butt end exclusive of the bark will be reckoned as faggot.

5. The District Forest Officer reserves to himself the right of accepting or rejecting any bid during the conduct of the sale without giving reasons therefor.

6. The successful bidder shall deposit a further sum of Rs. 50 as security within a fortnight of the confirmation orders of the sale being served on him and remit the three-fourths sale amount due and execute an agreement in the terms given below, failing which the amount already paid by him so far will be forfeited to Government and the produce resold at his risk as in para 2 *supra*.

7. The purchaser shall pay Local, Educational and Railway Cesses at the rate of one anna, six pies and three pies in the rupee on the entire sale amount.

Conditions.

(*a*) That he binds himself to billet and stack once for all the top ends and dead wood of casuarina and stock branch fuel separately at a central place in each of the plantations, which will be shown to him by the Range Officer.

(*b*) That he will do the conversion in a methodical manner and not touch any green or crown dead trees on pain of paying a penalty of Rs. 5 per each tree so appropriated to him.

(*c*) That he will agree to work out the entire available quantity within one month from the date on which the confirmation orders of the sale is served on him and that he will remove the fuel and timber out of the limits of the plantations within the end of the current official year (30th June 1925) after paying the amount and due to Government, if any.

(*d*) That during the currency of this contract, he will not do business in any private concern in casuarina.

(*e*) That he will render accounts of the consignments made by him by rail.

(*f*) That after the conversion is completed by the purchaser, he will get the lots of billetted would measured in presence of the District Forest Officer and obtain permits issued therefor by the Range Officer, Tumkur, before effecting removals, 68 c.ft. stack being taken as one ton.

(*g*) That any excess quantity that may be found to be converted over the estimated quantity, will be previously paid for by him before making removals.

(*h*) That the faggot wood stacked will be accepted by the purchaser at the estimate made by the District Forest Officer and removals thereof made on separate permits issued by the Range Officer, Tumkur, on recovery of its value.

(*i*) That he agrees not to convert the trees fit for timber into billets.

(*j*) That he agrees not to sublet the contract.

(*k*) That he agrees to abide by the rules of the Department as regards kindling of fires and hold himself responsible for any forest offence committed by his agents, employees or workmen.

(*l*) That he agrees to maintain a register in the form prescribed by the District Forest Officer for the purpose of showing the quantities of billet and faggot wood removed from the various plantations and the quantities consigned by him by rail or disposed of locally.

(*m*) That he agrees to undertake no operation in the plantation either before sunrise or after sunset.

(*n*) That he agrees to the cancellation of the contract and forfeiture of his deposit or any part thereof at the discretion of the District Forest Officer for any breach of the terms of the contract.

(*o*) That at the termination of the official year, the purchaser will have no right to quantities left unpaid for or unremoved in the plantations, either converted or not.

V. ETHIRAJULU NAIDU,
District Forest Officer.